THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) In view of the new economic situation, a study is being conxducted by M/s. Aruthur Andersen India Pvt. Ltd. to suggest measures to make KVI sector vibrant and viable. No Such study through a management consultant has been made by the Government in the past.

Constitution of KVIC

3649. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that KVIC has not been constituted even after the six months of expiry of the last term;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that restructuring of KVIC is under process; and

(d if so, the need and the outline of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The constitution of the Commission is under consideration.

(c) and (d) In view of the new economic situation, a study is being conducted by M/s. Arthur Andersen India Pvt. Ltd. to suggest measures to make the KVI sector vibrant and'[viable.

Quality Upgradation in SSI Sector in Bihar

3650 . SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing enhanced technology support for modernisation and quality upgradation to SSI sector in Bihar,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Government and its field agencies, the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO), National Small Industry Corporation (NSIC), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) are providing enhanced technology support all over the country including Bihar, through their various schemes like Enterpreneurship and Management Development Programmes, financial support for acquiiing ISO-9000 certification, financing through the Technology Development and Modernisation Fund of SIDBI and Equipment Leasing and Hire Purchase Scheme of NSIC, etc.

Launching of Satellites

3651. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched some Indian satellites into space;

(b) if so, the details of satellites launched by Government into space till date and the total cost involved in launching them into space, satellite wise;

(c) the number of new satellites Government propose to launch in the next fee years; and

(d) the average life of each of the satellite into the space?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of satellites launched into space till date and the total cost involved in launching, satellite-wise is given, in **Annexure** *[See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 89].*

(c) It is proposed to launch five eight satellites in the next few years of the 9th plan period.

(d) The actual life of each of the satellites launched so far is given in **Annexure** *[See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 89].*